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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Appl. No. 09/017,743; Filed: February 3, 1998  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application.

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